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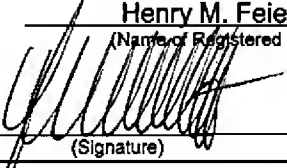
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| For: METHOD FOR MAKING HOT STRIPS OF | ) Confirmation No.: 1412   |
| LIGHTWEIGHT CONSTRUCTION STEEL       | )                          |

### RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION dated August 7, 2009

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Please amend the above-entitled application as follows: